

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S659–S676

Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 666–693, and S. Res. 95. **Pages S668–69**

Measures Reported:

S. 30, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2023, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S668**

Appointments:

James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–591, as amended by Public Law 102–221, appointed the following member of the United States Senate for appointment as a Senate Trustee to the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation: Senator Wicker. **Page S673**

Kunesh Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Patrice H. Kunesh, of Minnesota, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S667–68**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 62 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 46), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S667–68**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 8, 2023; that all post-cloture time be considered expired at 10:45 a.m., and Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel, the vote on confirmation of the nomination be at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader; provided further that following the vote on the motion

to invoke cloture on the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel, and notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senator Hagerty or his designee be recognized to make a motion to discharge the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs from further consideration of H.J. Res. 26, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022; that if the motion is made, all time on the motion be considered yielded back and Senate vote on the motion to discharge; and that if the motion is agreed to, Senator Hagerty or his designee be recognized to make a motion to proceed. **Pages S673–74**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 59 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 41), Robert Stewart Ballou, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia. **Pages S659–64**

By 56 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 43), Andrew G. Schopler, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Pages S664–65**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 42), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S664**

By 59 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 45), Arun Subramanian, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S665–67**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 58 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 44), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S665**

Ismail J. Ramsey, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California for the term of four years.

Kate E. Brubacher, of Kansas, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas for the term of four years. **Page S668**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—46)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S673–74.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOD HEALTH PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense received a briefing on the Department of Defense Health Program from Lester Martinez-Lopez, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Lieutenant General Telita Crosland, Director of the Defense Health Agency, Lieutenant General R. Scott Dingle, Surgeon General of the Army, Lieutenant General Robert I. Miller, Surgeon General of the Air Force, and Rear Admiral Bruce L. Gillingham, Surgeon General of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense.

USSOCOM AND USCYBERCOM POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the posture of United States Special Operations Command and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Christopher P. Maier, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, General Bryan P. Fenton, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, and General Paul M. Nakasone, Commander, United States Cyber Command, all of the Department of Defense.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO THE CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Jerome H. Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

FEDERAL DEBT LIMIT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the Federal debt limit and its economic and financial consequences, after receiving testimony from Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, West Chester, Pennsylvania; Anat Weisenfreund, Community Action Pioneer Valley, Greenfield, Massachusetts; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Michael R. Strain, American Enterprise Institute, and Amy K. Matsui, National Women's Law Center, all of Washington, D.C.

CRYPTO-ASSET MINING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the air, climate, and environmental impacts of crypto-asset mining, including an original bill entitled, "The Crypto-Asset Environmental Transparency Act", after receiving testimony from New York State Assembly Member Anna Kelles, 125th District, Cortland; Robert Altenburg, Citizens For Pennsylvania's Future, Harrisburg; and Courtney A. Dentlinger, Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax policy's role in increasing affordable housing supply for working families, after receiving testimony from Steve Walker, Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Seattle; Denise Scott, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, New York, New York; and Sharon Wilson Geno, National Multifamily Housing Council and National Apartment Association, Mark A. Calabria, The Cato Institute, and Garrett Watson, Tax Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

DIGITAL PLATFORMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine reining in dominant digital platforms, focusing on restoring competition to our digital markets, after receiving testimony from Fiona Scott Morton, Yale School of Management, New Haven, Connecticut; Chris Lewis, Public Knowledge, and Amanda G. Lewis, Cuneo Gilbert and LaDuca, LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Daniel Francis, New York University School of Law, New York, New York; and Adam Candeub, Michigan State University Center for Renewing America, East Lansing.